



Board of Commissioners

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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To Whom It May Concern:

Klamath County is a rural community set in the high desert of southern Oregon. Klamath Falls is the largest city in Klamath County with approximately 20,840 people and an equally large suburban population. Located in a basin, Klamath Falls experiences poor air quality due to our unique topography and weather patterns as well as particulates emitted from wood-burning stoves, wildfires, local industry, and on-road sources.

In 1991, the Klamath County Board of Commissioners passed the Clean Air Ordinance, which has since gone through many updates. In addition to policy change, a strong group of stakeholders have partnered to reduce the harmful emissions in the community. Our work is not complete, and the Board of County Commissioners is preparing to participate on an advisory committee and re-visit the ordinance to ensure it is updated and as effective as possible.

As the governing body for Klamath County, we support the Department of Environmental Quality's application on behalf of Klamath County Public Health for the Targeted Airshed Grant Program. This funding will enable us to create significant, lasting change in our beloved community.

Respectfully,

Donnie Boyd
Commissioner

Not Present

Kelley Minty Morris
Chair

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Vice Chair